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MOTION BY SUPERVISOR MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS

JUNE 24, 2013

Museum of Natural History Base Funding Amendment

The Chief Executive Officer's adjustments to the fiscal year (FY) 2013-14 Recommended County Budget include a \$1 million appropriation of additional net County cost to allow the County and the Museum Foundation to continue the successful operation of the Los Angeles County Museum of Natural History (Museum). As the CEO has recognized, the Museum Foundation has made significant capital and programmatic improvements to its Exposition Park location including repurposing existing space, adding new amenities, and expanding its exhibition program to further enhance the visitor experience.

In order to address the increase in operating costs due to these major improvements in facilities and programming, the Museum requests that the County's base funding amount be increased by \$1.5 million annually for three years beginning in FY 2013-14. For some time now, the Museum Foundation's contribution has exceeded 100 percent of the County's contribution each year. For this reason, the County should consider the remaining \$.5 million that was requested by the Museum.

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I THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

Instruct the Chief Executive Officer to report back during Supplemental Budget changes in October to identify \$500,000 to address the increases in operating costs at the Museum of Natural History.

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